GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORT EXPORT OF PULSES
SHANKERSINH VAGHELA;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether pulses were exported as well as imported during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the quantum of pulses exported and imported during the above period alongwith the amount of foreign exchange spent on such imports and the foreign exchange earned by such exports; and (

(c) the reasons for allowing the export of pulses by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) The total export and import of pulses during the current financial year(April-Nov,99) are as follows:-

Exports(Prov.)		Imports(Prov.)	
Quantity (MT)	Value(Rs. Crores)	Quantity (MT)	Value(Rs.Crores)
1,26,951	277.07	1,37,339	183.24

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(c) The Export Import policy regarding agricultural products is governed principally by the concerns of India`s food security, maximising farm incomes, and earning foreign exchange. The variety of pulses available for export in consumer packs and the attractive unit value realisation dictates that exports be allowed, The export policy enjoins the exporters to export pulses in consumer packs of not more than 5 Kgs each.